

Absolute Protective Coatings Maintenance Recommendations Encapsulated Chip Finishes

GENERAL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Encapsulated chip finishes are easily maintained due to the tough finish and absence of grout lines and expansion seams. Since floors take most of the surface abuse in the building they do require regular maintenance. Prior to regular periodic maintenance the floor must be adequately cured. Allow 7 days cure time prior to wet cleaning.

During project clean-up take care to remove construction debris and dust. Sharp and abrasive objects should be picked up prior to pushing material across the floor with shovel or broom. To remove construction dust sweep using a yarn-wick brush treated with a non-oily sweeping compound. When most of the dust has been removed the floor may be damp mopped or use a soft blue brush with a mild detergent cleaner, rinse with clean water and vacuum. Repeat the process until the floor is completely cleaned. Use clean mops, rinse water and pails to avoid redeposit of dirt.

There are several options for the maintenance finish.

1. For satin or low sheen floors no maintenance finish need be applied. Damp mop regularly to maintain sheen desired.
2. If a high gloss finish is desired use an ADA compliant maintenance finish applied as directed by the manufacturer.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Normal dust and fine dirt cleaning can be accomplished using a yarn-wick brush treated with a non-oily sweeping compound as needed. Use warm water and a mild detergent if mopping is necessary. If the surface is very soiled it may be necessary to use a bristled brush or a bristle attachment on a power scrubber using a detergent solution to dislodge the dirt. **Do not use nylon pads.** The type of detergent will depend on the degree of soiling and build-up of dirt on the floor. Extremely heavy soiling such as oil and grease and rubber marks may be removed using a cleaner or degreaser. After cleaning rinse or mop and vacuum dry to prevent re-soiling.

PRECAUTIONS

Some cleaners may affect the color, sheen and texture of polymer surfaces. Test each cleaning substance in a small area out of sight utilizing your intended cleaning techniques. This will help you know the effectiveness and suitability prior to doing the whole floor. If no deleterious effects are observed proceed. If there appears to be any yellowing, color change, gloss or texture problems modify procedure or products.

Properly installed polymer surfaces will provide many years of low maintenance service. If the surface becomes difficult to maintain, re-application of the topcoat may be necessary. Consult with Technical Services at Absolute Protective Coatings or your installation contractor for specific recommendations.